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In the Churches

Y. M. C. A. REPORT SHOWS BIG INCREASE IN RELIGIOUS WORK

The report of General Secretary Super to the Board of Directors of the Y. M. C. A. this week showed a large increase in the religious work that is being done by the association. Bible Study receiving the strongest emphasis and already 10 classes with an enrollment of 99 men and boys have been organized.

The interest that is being taken in this part of the work proves that bible classes composed of small groups are the most popular, and this is especially true because the groups can be arranged so that every man and boy can be in a class where he will feel at home. The classes being carried on at present enroll as members men in the shops, college men and several men who are themselves the managers of business houses. The fact that the association attempts to provide classes for men of such a wide variety of interests is doubtless the cause of the large work that is carried on by the

associations throughout the States. Last year the reports show that there were over a million men and older boys in the Bible classes conducted by the Y. M. C. A. The men who join these classes are as a rule not the men who are in the church classes as the plan of the work is for the association to supplement the work that is being done by the Bible schools of the churches.

The great need in this work is for trained leaders. This is true not only in Honolulu but throughout the country. When the Educational department of one of the missions wants a man to teach they go to one of the schools in the city and find capable men.

No organization is attempting to train men who can teach the Bible in a way that is helpful and attractive to men. The Y. M. C. A. is looking forward to the establishment of a School of Religious Training that will fill that need in this city.

PALAMA TO HAVE BIG XMAS TREAT

As Christmas time approaches, the settlement workers of the city begin their plans to provide a fitting celebration of that day for those who are residents of their district, and already, those connected with the Palama Settlement have a scheme worked out that will prove to be one of the most unique as well as interesting undertakings that has ever been attempted in Honolulu.

According to the present plans, the entire big gymnasium at the settlement will be converted into a miniature department store and where goods and toys of every description will be on sale. It sounds like a money-making scheme, doesn't it? This, however, is not the fact. There will be no profit for the settlement. This year the settlement has received many donations in the way of clothes, eatables, canned goods, cooking utensils, and other articles too numerous to mention, and at the same time they have expended a large amount of money in the purchase of toys and other needful things for the kiddies. A few nights before Christmas, all these things will be arranged on long counters in the gymnasium, each counter containing articles which will be marked all the way from one cent up to a dollar. For instance, there will be a one-cent table, a three-cent table, a five-cent table, etc. Located in one end of the hall will be a bank, attended by three cashiers, at which place the buyers must change their money for settlement currency, the only medium of exchange which will be permitted. This currency will run all the way from one cent to a dollar and may be exchanged for articles on sale at any of the counters.

As each child purchases a toy or knick-knack, he must take it to the wrapping counter where it will be neatly wrapped up, and then passed on to the addressers, who puts on it the name of the person to whom the buyer wishes to give it as a Christmas gift. No one will be allowed to take their purchases away from the hall. After they are once bought they must be given to someone through the hands of the addressers who takes charge of all the packages. In a case where an older person purchases something in the way of clothing or food, he will be, of course, allowed to take this home.

Now comes the working results of this plan. On Christmas night all the youngsters of the settlement, and their parents, will be invited to the gymnasium where there will be an entertainment, and following this, Santa Claus will appear, and will distribute the presents to those for whom they were purchased at the sale. There will also be a generous distribution of all the candy and other things that go to make a fitting Christmas, and the workers of the settlement will take care to see that none of the youngsters leave the hall without a present of some sort.

The sale will take place during the afternoon of Friday, December 20, and the afternoon and evening of December 21.

paid only three dollars, we give him five months of our membership, the full price of which is ten dollars. What is the result? The man knows that he has been given a square deal, that general hospitality has been extended him, and consequently, he is an enthusiastic member thereafter. From my point of view, this is good hospitality, and also good business. Our delegates to the national convention probably will favor some such plan as this.

Attorney General Wickersham is contemplating a trip around the world with Mrs. Wickersham just as soon as he retires from public life.

CENTRAL UNION TO HEAR FACTS BY 'BROADSIDE'

Tomorrow morning there will be an array of speakers at Central Union Church to deal with the problems of Christian work throughout this Territory. Each speaker will fire a broadside of fact condensed into five minutes. It is well worth the while of Honolulu folk to get an idea of what such a corporation as the Hawaiian Board is doing with the sixty or so thousand dollars that is spent annually. People who attend the eleven o'clock service will find this out. There will be no collection taken for the Board tomorrow, the custom of the church being to give full information one week and to receive the offering seven days later when all shall have had full opportunity to consider what the call of duty and privilege is. The speakers tomorrow include Rev. Messrs. W. B. Oleson, H. P. Judd, F. S. Scudder, J. P. Erdman, Akaioka Aka-

na, and Mr. Theodore Richards; and their topics will deal with such questions as "Our Opportunity Among the Chinese," "The Need of trained Teachers," "Team Work in Self Support," "Hawaiian Laymen," "Work Among English Speaking Hawaiians," "Distributing the Gospel."

The public are cordially invited to attend.

CHRISTMAS REHEARSALS FOR CENTRAL UNION

Christmas festivities have begun. Rehearsals are going on daily at Central Union Church for the annual Christmas entertainment of the Bible School, which this year will be given on Monday evening, Dec. 23.

The Sunbeam Class, which meets separately from the Bible School in the Parish House under the skillful supervision of Miss Ermine Cross, will hold its entertainment of the Friday afternoon before, Dec. 20, at 3 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS IN DISCUSSION

The Sunday Morning Bible Class at Kihohana Clubrooms will devote the hour tomorrow morning, or at least a part of it, to a discussion of the paper read last Sunday by Mr. Ebersole, on

the Nativity Narratives. Those who heard the paper will surely want to be there tomorrow morning to hear the discussion. All other young men or young women who might be interested in such a study as the class is making, are invited to come and join. One hundred and fifteen have now enrolled, but they are never all present. So there is room for all who come. The reason this class is exclusively for young men and young women and not for older people is because experience has proved that a class cannot be successfully conducted where the attendance is made up promiscuously of both old and young people. The class meets promptly at 10 o'clock.

SAYS RELIGION LAGS

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 30.—Rev. John Ray Ewers of Pittsburg, Pa., addressing a union meeting of the twenty-five Christian churches here last night, said that religion is not keeping pace with the growth of population in this country.

"Protestantism is not only at a dead standstill in America, but it is steadily losing out—so is every creed," he said.

BIBLE SCENES

Sunday evening at Central Union Church the associate minister, Rev.

A. A. Ebersole, will give the second of the series of Bible lectures, which he is planning to give, one each month during the winter season. These lectures are illustrated with the finest stereopticon views that can be secured on the subject. The views tomorrow illustrate some of the well known Bible stories. As the picture is thrown upon the screen, Mr. Ebersole reads the story from Scripture which the picture is supposed to illustrate and which the artist, of course, had in mind when he painted the picture. It makes an exceedingly effective service, as those who attended the services last month when the first half of this particular series was presented will testify.

The general public is most cordially invited.

SUNDAY SERVICES

CENTRAL UNION CHURCH.
Rev. Doremus Scudder, D. D., minister.
Rev. Amos A. Ebersole, associate minister.
9:50 a. m., Bible School. Mr. William A. Bowen, superintendent.
10:00 a. m., Sunday Morning Bible Class for young men and young women.

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FILIPINOS FORM Y. M. C. A.'S WILL MEET SOON IN CINCINNATI

At a large and enthusiastic meeting held in the Filipino Mission Hall last Wednesday evening a Filipino Benevolent Society was organized, a constitution and by laws drawn up, and officers elected as follows: Constantino Arpon, president; A. Penulair, vice-president; Cirilo Salonga, secretary, and Rev. R. Zurbuchen, acting treasurer. An investigation committee composed of E. Allenza, Rev. Benito Ilustre, and Pedro Dehey, was also appointed.

The purpose of this organization is to provide for the relief of all worthy cases of need among the Filipinos in the way of sickness and poverty. Membership is open to all Filipinos paying one dollar a year or twenty-five cents a quarter. Honorary members may be elected. The first meeting of the association annually. Rev. W. Wadman, superintendent of the Methodist missions was in charge of the meeting and directed the proceedings.

The employment bureau work in connection with the mission has recently been doing a large amount of work. Several worthy Filipino boys were found to be out of employment, and at the same time exposed to many temptations. They were all willing to go to work, and have been found places as domestic servants or office helpers through the efforts of the committee in charge of this work, while a number of the older boys were sent to plantations with letters of introduction to the managers and the Filipino ministers.

It has been learned from the Americans and others who have lived in the Philippine Islands that the Filipinos, in course of a very short time, become excellent household servants and an office boy, printers, hospital assistants and other occupations, they cannot be equalled. Since there seems to be quite a demand for such labor in Honolulu at the present time, it is hoped by those who are directly connected with the Filipino mission work in the islands that they will make good and help to offset the other nationalities which in recent years have a close monopoly of these various positions.

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